

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100—50—20—YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## One Hundred Years Ago.

### MEXICAN PATRIOT CAUSE.

From Baltimore—It will be seen from the following that the Patriot cause is still flourishing at Matagorda and in the Province of Texas at large; that the commotion at Matagorda was more than a mere bagatelle; that Aury is still alive, and Herrerra had arrived and organized a local government at Matagorda. The letters, the contents of which were stated in the Patriot, turn out to have been very exaggerated if not false representation of affairs at that place.

New Orleans August 10. The following articles have been handed to us for publication from a gentleman recently from Matagorda.

New Establishment at Matagorda and Galveston in the Province of Texas, appertaining to the Government of Mexico.

A small squadron, well armed and equipped, under the command of M. Aury, has taken possession of the posts of Matagorda and Galveston. The squadron being the property of the said commander, had for a considerable time been engaged in promoting the independence of South America, under the flag of Carthage. During the siege of that place they fought gallantly against the Spaniards and protected the besieged as much as in their power, and they were reduced to the inevitable necessity of emigrating. On the fall of Carthage, Aury with all officers under his command offered his services to the republic of Mexico, from which he obtained authority to cruise, and permission was granted to occupy the posts of Matagorda and Galveston. This expedition just arrived at its destination when some turbulent persons, exclusively occupied with their own interests, began to spread rumors in order to seduce and alarm the faithful and more numerous part of the division endeavoring to persuade them that they had not come thither with the noble object of assisting the Mexican patriots engaged in the glorious contest for their liberty.

## Fifty Years Ago.

### MRS. BRADLEY BURNED.

We hear that Mrs. Bradley, wife of Mr. William A. Bradley, residing on State street was badly burned about the face and neck Wednesday evening. The fire in her house not burning as she desired she took the lid off and looked in to see what was the matter. Just then a mass of flame burst up into her face and burned it severely. Her dress took fire but she had sufficient presence of mind to clasp that portion of it in her hand and smother it.

### NEW PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

We understand that the photographic gallery on the corner of Main and Bank streets (late Partridge's) has been much improved in its internal arrangement and is now able to turn out

## PARTIES OF THE LEFT MAINTAIN UPPER HAND IN DUTCH PARLIAMENT.

The Hague, Netherlands, Aug. 2.—The elections for the provincial state councils of Holland, half of the members of which retire every three years, have just been held, and the results are interesting as giving an indication of the composition of the next First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament, the members of which are nominated by these provincial bodies.

The parties of the Left made several gains, but the parties of the Right maintain the upper hand with an aggregate of 212 seats against the 279 held by their opponents, which means that they are assured of maintaining their majority in the First Chamber. This is the exact reverse of the position in the Second Chamber, where the general election of 1912 gave the parties of the Left the majority upon which the present extra-parliamentary cabinet of Mr. Cort van der Linden leans for its support.

The fact that the position of the provincial councils are made practically stationary is a disappointing one to the government, for the continued predominant position of the Right in the First Chamber is a check on their important legislative program for revision of the constitution, including universal manhood suffrage, the ques-

tion of woman suffrage, compromise on the educational question and old age pensions.

One marked feature of the provincial elections has been the progress of the Socialist party, which won 23 seats from the Liberals of the Left and four from the parties of the Right. The Socialists already hold the balance in the Second Chamber of Parliament with 15 seats out of 100, and further substantial progress at next year's general election would make them a very strong political force.

### PARK CONCERT.

The Wheeler & Wilson cornet band, H. H. Blish, conductor, will give another of the series of open air concerts at Washington Park, E. D., this evening.

### STATE ITEM.

A dog having a sheet iron attachment to his caudal appendage jumped through a show window of a millinery establishment in Danbury on Monday, wrecking a lot of the latest styles. The dog was not mad, but the milliner was.

## Twenty Years Ago.

BRIDGEPORT ELEVEN BEATEN. Saturday was an exceptionally fine day and the occasion was fully appreciated by the people in this city. What attracted most attention was the cricket match between the Bridgeport and New Rochelle elevens. The visitors scored 53 runs on their turn defeating the Bridgeport's by 2.

### INSTALL MEMORIAL.

The Park Commissioners are to put in a highly polished granite slab in the sea wall at Lookout point within a day or two. The slab is over 3 feet square. The inscription reads: "Five thousand and fifty-four foot wall—erected 1895. Frank E. Clark Mayor. Park Commissioners Frank J. Naramore, Edwin Strickland, Frederick Sallor, James Horan."

### WORKED FLIM FLAM GAME.

Two slick individuals who apparently have worked the same game before this morning succeeded in getting possession of three new suits of clothes from Rochelle Mills, clerk for Sam Harris the clothier, by the employment of a somewhat ancient but clever ruse. The value of the stolen garments was placed at \$50.

### BURYING THEIR WIRES.

For the twentieth time this summer Fairfield avenue is being dug up but the residents of the avenue are so used to it that they have ceased to complain, and are simply asking: "What next?" The Southern New England Telephone company are putting in solid iron pipes in a bed of cement for the use of their wires. The foreman in charge of the trench says the company intends to bury their wires from Main street to Broad.

### PERSONAL NOTE.

Judge DeForest and Attorney Beecher caught 22 bass and 2 eels in the rapid waters of the Housatonic river a couple of days ago.

### PREPARE FOR WINTER.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—War office advertisements appearing in Vienna newspapers indicate that preparations are being made in Austria-Hungary for another winter campaign. Tenders are invited for the supply of furs and woolen goods of all kinds for the protection of the troops against cold. Deliveries must be made before September 15.

S. S. McClure, American publisher, ordered returned to the United States when he arrived at Liverpool, will sail for New York today on the steamship Philadelphia.

One person was drowned and three others injured, when the automobile in which they were riding plunged over a cliff at a bridge crossing near Plattsburg, N. Y.

# POLICEMEN DON'T RELISH WORKING EXTRA 8 HOURS

Protests Likely About New Reserve System, Which Entails Extra Work.

Mysterious inquiries that reached the offices of the city clerk and the town clerk today indicate that the policemen do not like the prospect of reserve duty with the eight hour "snooze" at police headquarters pending an eight hour tour of duty. About noon today someone called the city clerk's office and asked if there was a charter provision which limited the working hours of city employees to eight in each 24 during the working day. The inquirer was told that there was no such charter provision but that the common council sometime ago adopted an ordinance limiting the working hours of city employees to eight in each 24 of a working day.

"Then how can the police commissioners require patrolmen to work 16 hours or to be at police headquarters 16 hours?" was the next query of the man who had telephoned.

"Who is speaking?" asked the person who answered at the city clerk's office.

"Never mind," replied the man. "I'm a policeman or rather I'm interested in the policemen and I want to see them get a fair deal. I don't think it is fair to work policemen 16 hours on a stretch without giving them chance to rest, eat or drink. I don't think it can be done legally."

When told he would be given no information unless he made known his identity, the man hung up the telephone receiver. Later in the day some man called the town clerk's office and asked the same questions. He did not make known his identity but the report of his conversation does not indicate that he was the same man who called the city clerk's office. The last man said he was talking from police headquarters.

Inquiry at headquarters did not result in any light as the identity of the men who made the inquiries. At headquarters it was said that none of the policemen had used the telephone to talk with any of the other city offices.

The reserve system went into effect Thursday. Four men of the platoon, two working out of headquarters and one each from the Second and Third precincts spend eight hours at headquarters before going on duty with their platoons. This makes three shifts each day in each 24 hours and four men on reserve there all the time. The men are really on duty or call for 16 hours at a stretch. The innovation does not meet with the favor of the rank and file of the department, although most of the policemen are too wary of insubordination charges to discuss the matter other than among themselves.

Beds have been placed in the rooms formerly used for the women's detention ward but the reserves do not use them because the rooms are so hot. They spend most of their time playing cards down stairs.

The man who telephoned last said he knew of a recently appointed policeman who had developed a chronic case of Bright's disease because of standing so long on the eight hour stretch which the policemen have heretofore been required to perform.

Inquiry at police headquarters disclosed that the only recently appointed policeman on the sick list is Charles McCullough. He is suffering from an infected toe, not Bright's disease, and it is expected he will report for duty this evening.

### TREAT TOWNSEND WELL.

London, Aug. 2.—General Townsend, the British defender of Kut-ama, which was captured by the Turks after a siege of several months, is, according to unofficial advice received here, being treated very generously by his captors. He lives in a well-appointed house on a island of Haifi but spends much of his time in Constantinople, a naval steam launch and a military motorcar being entirely at his disposal for visits to the city. On these trips to the Turkish capital, General Townsend is accompanied by his aides and a guard. He is said to be a familiar figure in the main streets of Pera and Stambul and the principal restaurants and gardens.

FUNERAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON.

# COPS' FIELD DAY TO BEAT FORMER ONES TO FRAZZLE

Policemen From All Over the State Expected at Pleasure Beach Outing.

Policemen from all sections of the state will be obliged to sit up and take notice on August 26 when the Police Sick Benefit association of the Bridgeport department holds its field day at Pleasure Beach for, according to Captain Charles H. Suckley, chairman of the committee of arrangements, the local guardians of the peace seek to surpass any similar endeavor heretofore and to accomplish this end are making grand preparations for the gala occasion.

Today notices were sent out to all the police chiefs in the state by Superintendent J. H. Redgate and Captain Suckley informing them of the field day and asking them to display notices and use their influence in making the venture a grand success. From the sentiment expressed in personal talks with out of town policemen when the matter of holding the field day was first proposed, the members of the committee expect the hearty cooperation of the out of town minions of the law.

A fine program of athletic events has been arranged and as many of the departments in the state boast of their athletes, an opportunity will be afforded to witness them in the various events. The sprinters, weight throwers and distance runners in the Bridgeport department have all started training and this city will make a strong bid for departmental honors.

Interest in the local department is increasing daily because of the keen rivalry between the teams that will battle on the ball field. The "Majors" from headquarters and the "Tigers" from the second precinct are getting in a great deal of practice between shifts and the members of both sides are confident that the opposing crew will not have a look in.

Tickets for the field day will be placed on sale in a day or two and the members of the committee feel certain that they will sell at a rapid rate.

A Democratic state convention was held at Parkersburg, W. Va., for the purpose of nominating two candidates for judge of the State Supreme Court, eight presidential electors and writing a party platform.

# New Haven Forced to Use Pullman Cars to Carry Milk Cans

The New Haven railroad, by reason, it is said, of the shortage of rolling stock following drafts by the United States government for mobilization along the Mexican border, has been compelled to ship milk and cream on the combination baggage and Pullman cars.

Passengers on the crack Springfield express due in this city at 10:11 a. m., chafing at the delay incident to removing 50 cans of cream for the Wadhams Ice Cream Co., shipped from Hartford were greatly surprised.

One passenger who emerged from the Pullman Sauguttuck to ascertain the delay, seeing cans being unloaded from the Pullman Smoker East Haven exclaimed: "Well, what do you know about that? I have had many experiences on the rails but this is the first time that I have paid Pullman fares to ride on a milk train."

About the station it is said that this is not an unusual incident. The company is greatly handicapped by the lack of cars and engines, and a big demand for milk and cream in this city requires that the service be maintained at any cost.

Representative Hamill of New Jersey introduced a bill in the House to take away from the Federal government power to regulate storage of explosives at railroad terminals.

General Leonard Wood appointed Major Howard S. Williams of Phoenixville, and First Lieutenant Robert E. Thomas of Philadelphia, as general recruiting officers in Pennsylvania.

# Facts

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Tunafish . . . . . 25c can

Wet Shrimp . . . . . 10c can

6 Cans American Sardines . . . . . 25c

Canned Oysters . . . . . 10c, 3 for 25c

Red Alaska Salmon . . . . . 18c can

Shad . . . . . 10c can

3 Cans Mustard Sardines . . . . . 25c

Smoked Sardines . . . . . 2 cans 25c

Canned Clams . . . . . 10c, 3 for 25c

## MEAT SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Legs of Genuine Spring Lamb . . . . . 24c lb.

Legs of Young Mutton . . . . . 18c lb.

Legs of Yearling Lamb . . . . . 20c lb.

Prime Rib Roasts of Beef . . . . . 20c, 22c, 24c and 26c lb.

Chuck Rib Roasts of Beef . . . . . 14c to 16c lb.

Pot Roasts of Beef . . . . . 12c to 14c lb.

Fresh Shoulders . . . . . 15c lb.

Fresh Hams . . . . . 22c lb.

## POULTRY.

Stewing Fowl . . . . . 18c lb.

Choice Fowl . . . . . 25c lb.

Native Dressed Broilers . . . . . 38c lb.

Fancy Roasting Chickens . . . . . 30c lb.

Fresh Killed Ducks . . . . . 25c lb.

Turkeys, Native Squab, Guinea Hens, Squab Guinea.

## SMOKED AND SALT MEATS.

Cudahy Rex Hams . . . . . 22c lb.

Sugar Cured Bacon . . . . . 22c lb.

Plate Corned Beef . . . . . 12c lb.

Swift Premium Hams . . . . . 24c lb.

Dixie Bacon . . . . . 18c lb.

Smoked Hogs Heads . . . . . 15c lb.

Corned Spare Ribs . . . . . 12c lb.

## FRUIT.

Georgia Peaches, Large Baskets 60c, Small Baskets . . . . . 15c

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